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DESCENDANTS OF REV. ROWLAND JONES, FIRST RECTOR OF BRUTON PARISH, VA.

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From a record, written in the hand and on the paper of last century, and found pasted between the leaves of the family register in the Henley Bible, we obtain the following, which is an exact copy of the original:

"A memorandum taken of the ages of M^r Laine Jones's children:

"Martha Jones----born----May 20,--1728.
 "Anne Jones---- " ----Sept. 24,--1729.
 "Laine Jones---- " ----Sept. 15,--1733.
 "Rolando Jones---- " ----April 19,--1738.
 "Frances Jones---- " ----Jan. 26,--1740.
 "William Jones---- " ----Nov. 7,--1746."

This "M^r Laine Jones" was the only brother of Mrs. Frances Dandridge, the wife of Col. John Dandridge, of New Kent. The parish register of St. Peters, New Kent, thus records their births and their mother's death:

"Lane, son of M^r Orlando Jones, by Martha, his wife, born June 15th, 1707.

"Frances, daughter " " " " " " " Aug^t 6th, 1710.

"Martha, wife of Orlando Jones, Gent., departed this life-----May 4th, 1716."

From his tombstone¹ in Bruton Church we learn that "M^r Orlando Jones [Burgess from King William in 1718], son of M^r Rowland Jones, sometime minister of this parish, was born Dec^r y^e 31st, 1681, and died June y^e 12th, 1719. His 1st wife was M^{rs} Martha Macon [mar. Jan. 31, 1703], dau. of M^r Gideon Macon, of New Kent, by whom he left one son named Lane, and one dau. named Frances. His 2nd wife was M^{rs} Mary Williams, dau. of James Williams, of King & Queen Co. [no issue]." His grandfather, Rev. Rowland Jones,² born 1608, B. A. Christ Church, Oxford, 1632; Rector of Little Kimble 1661; Vicar of Wendover 1664, and of Dorney, near Windsor Castle, co. Bucks., 1667 to 1685, when he died, was the father of Rev. Rowland Jones, who lies buried in Bruton Churchyard.³ This "pastor *primus et dilectissimus*" was born at Swinbrook, Oxfordshire, in 1644, in the midst of the turmoil of the civil war. He matriculated at Merton College, Oxford, Nov. 11, 1663. After some pastoral service at Little Kimble, in Buckinghamshire, he emigrated to Virginia, and took charge of Bruton Parish in 1674, and remained its rector for fourteen years, till his death, April 23, 1688, "*parochiæ quam maximo*

detrimento." From his will at Yorktown, made Aug. 15, 1687, proved Dec. 13, 1688, we would infer that he was by no means dependent upon his ministerial salary, as he makes comfortable provision for his widow and four children, with handsome legacies to his sister, Jane Gooch, and her children—Henry, Rowland, Jane, and Elizabeth; to his sisters, Anne Heritage and Mary Thompson, and sister Bressie⁴ and others. According to Bruton Register he had buried his first wife, *Elizabeth*, Oct. 29, 1678. She was undoubtedly the mother of his two eldest children, ROBERT and WILLIAM,⁵ to the former of whom he leaves his plantation of 400 acres at Pomonkey Neck, with remainder, should he die s. p. (as he did, Feb. 16, 1694), to his three younger children. To WILLIAM he leaves 200 acres on Chickahominy Swamp (with remainder to Robert and Orlando), and some silver given by his godmother, Madam Page. To his daughter, *Anna Maria*, 6,000 lbs. tobacco, and some silver. To his widow, ANNE, he devises his dwelling and plantation, with silver plate, etc., for life, and then to go to her son, ORLANDO. That her maiden name was LANE we are inclined to conclude from the initials A. L., mentioned in the will as marking the silver bequeathed to her daughter, ANNA MARIA, and from the name LANE, given by ORLANDO to his only son.

The daughter, Anna Maria Jones,⁶ married certainly thrice. Her first husband was Capt. Wm. Timson, J. P., of York county (1678–1719), tombstone at Travis' Point, whose descendants soon became extinct. By her second husband, Edmund Scarburgh, she had no issue. Her third husband was John Thornton, and from the fragments of her tombstone at Travis' Point we gather that she was born in 1685, and died in August, 1760. Her will, proved Nov. 11, 1760, shows that she was possessed of considerable property, and names as residuary legatees [her grandnieces], "Frances and Elizabeth, daughters of Mrs. Frances Dandridge." Inventory, £1,365.

Her brother, ORLANDO JONES, who represented King William county in the House of Burgesses in 1718, died at the parental mansion on Queen's Creek, and his will is proved in York, Nov. 16, 1719. His only son, LAIN, or LANE JONES, born June 15, 1707, married in 1727, Anne Barber, daughter of Maj. Wm. Barber,⁷ of York-Hampton Parish, J. P. and Burgess, by his wife, Anne Archer. Maj. Barber's will, proved 1733, Nov. 19th, mentions his son, James, and his daughters, Elizabeth Claiborne and Anne Jones, while the will of their grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth

(Hubard) Archer, dated May 26, 1726, devises to the same three children, viz.: Elizabeth, as *then* the wife of Leonard Claiborne, of King William, and Anne Barber and James Barber as minors. In 1750 we find mention of "Elizabeth Anne Archer Barber, and Anna Maria Jones Barber (as) orphans of Capt. James Barber, deceased."

The Henley Bible furnishes us a register of the births of the children of Lain Jones [and Anne Barber], and a special verdict in York county court, under date of 15th June, 1761, adds some further particulars concerning these same children, reciting "that Martha Johnson, Anne Hudson, Orlando Jones, Rowland Jones, Frances Barber Jones, and William Jones, together with Lain Jones, deceased, were children of Lain Jones, and that Anne Barber Jones is the daughter and heir of *Lain Jones*, son of Lain Jones, deceased."

The line of descent is broken here, and a gap of forty-five years occurs before the family reappears in Albemarle, in the persons of *Lain* and *Wm.* Jones, who were surely sons of either *Orlando*, *Rowland* or *William*, the remaining sons of "*Lain Jones, Sr., deceased.*"

In Liber W. B., IV., fol. 168, Records of Albemarle county, Va., in his will, dated 1804, May 4th, and proved 1805, Feb. 4th, LAIN JONES desires "to be buried in the plainest manner." To his loving wife, *Elizabeth*, he leaves "that part of the land which the chancellor decrees me," and which at her death he desires to be sold and divided between his three children, Orlando, Lane, and William. Wife Elizabeth.

The two last sons, Lain and William Jones, were living in Albemarle in 1818, as they are made legatees in the will of their uncle, William Jones, whose will was dated in 1817, and proved in 1818.^s

NOTES, BY THE EDITOR.

¹ See inscription in full on Orlando Jones' tombstone, *Coll. Va. Hist. Society*, New Series, Vol. XI., p. 86. His will is on record at Yorktown.

² The will of Rowland Jones, Sr. runs as follows: "The 1st day of September, 1665, I, Rowland Jones, vicar of Wendover, in Co. Bucks. I give my body to be buried in y^e Parish Church of Wendover. To my wife Alice 12d for a legacy. To my son Rowland all my Books and Manuscripts and £25. To my dau. Anne £5. To my dau. Jane £5. To my dau. Mary £5. To my dau. Elizabeth £5. To my son Michael £5. The rest of my money and goods to be divided equally between my children. I nominate my said dau. Elizabeth to be my sold Executor, and in case she die, I make my cousin Michael Thompson, of the Parish of Stepney, my sole executor. Witness John Hebb." On the 14th day of February there issued a commission to Rowland Jones, son of the said deceased, to administer the goods, etc., of said Rowland, because both Elizabeth Jones and Michael Thompson had died.

³ As the inscription given in the *Historical Collections* (Vol. XI, p. 76) is imperfect, I present a correct copy here:

Hic Jacet Rolandus Jones,
Clericus, filius Rolandi Jones,
Clerici, Natus Swinbrook juxta
Burford in Com: Oxon, Collegii
Merton Universitate Oxon
Alumnus, Parochiæ Bruton Virginia
Pastor Primus & dilectissimus,
Functione Pastoralis annis 14
fideliter defunctis Parochiæ quam
Maximo detrimento Obiit Ap. 23
die Aetatis suae 48 Anno Dom 1688

⁴ Susanna Bressie, of Isle of Wight county, gave eight thousand pounds of tobacco to her nephew, William Jones, of York county, 12th March, 170 $\frac{1}{2}$. Her husband, William Bressie, was a prominent Quaker, and benefactor of the Quaker meeting-house at "Levy Neck." (Isle of Wight County Records.)

⁵ William Jones died in 1719, and Orlando Jones was his administrator. (York County Records.)

⁶ Anna Maria Jones married about 1731, Major William Barber. (*Barradall's Reports*, Scarborough and Anna Maria, his wife, plaintiffs vs. Barber executor of Barber, defendant). He died in 1733. She had four husbands.

⁷ William Barber, cooper, appears in the York records as early as 1638. He married Mary, the widow of John Dennett, before 1646. He was born about 1602, and died in 1669. Justice of the peace as early as 1652, burgess in 1663, and was Lieutenant-Colonel in 1655. His wife died in 1676. Issue of William and Mary Barber: Thomas, and Mary who married John Baskerville, clerk of York county. Capt. Thomas Barber, of York-Hampton parish, born in 1653, justice of the peace in 1678, and burgess in 1680, 1693, 1702, 1703; excused for further attendance on the court in 1717. His will was dated June 30, 1716, and was proved May 19, 1718. He married before 1679, first, Elizabeth Petters, daughter of Edmund Petters, justice of the peace (died 1676), and Elizabeth, his wife (born in 1630, and died in 1679). Issue: William and Thomas Barber. The last named married Mary Timson, daughter of Samuel Timson, first of London, and then of York county, and had issue: —, and Mary Barber, mentioned in the will of Wm. Timson (1726). Thos. Barber died about 1720, when Mary Barber and Samuel Timson were his executors, and brought suit against another Thomas Barber, presumably son of Major William Barber, brother of Thomas Barber, dec'd.

Major William Barber was church warden of Hampton Parish in 1703, justice in 1705, burgess in 1710. According to the records it would appear that William Barber, born about 1675, married first, Judith Cary. Henry Cary, her father, called "gentleman" in the act appointing him supervisor of the building of the capitol, was called "carpenter" at times in the records. Carpenter was an especially honorable trade, and was equivalent to "builder" or "architect" of the present day. He married, second, Anne Archer, daughter of Capt. James Archer (died in 1695), and Elizabeth, his wife (died December

13, 1727), daughter of John Hubard. Capt. Archer was "James Archer, Jr.," an ensign in Col. Herbert Jeffreys' regiment, sent over to subdue Bacon's Rebellion. He had a daughter, Elizabeth Archer, who died September 19, 1683, and a son John, who died May 3, 1705. Perhaps a son James, who deeded lands in 1710. But Mrs. Archer, in her will in 1726, does not mention him. William Barber married, thirdly, Anna Maria Jones, widow of Capt. William Timson, by whom no issue. Issue by first marriage: I., Thomas, who died May 10, 1727. He married Susannah, daughter of John Brush, gun-maker to Spotswood (see his will proved December 19, 1726; see also "Huguenot Family"). Thomas Barber calls himself "carpenter," and was probably an apprentice of his grandfather, Henry Cary. He mentions one daughter, Judith. His wife, Susannah, married, secondly, Rev. Francis Fontaine, Professor of Oriental Languages in William and Mary College in 1729, and for many years rector of York-Hampton Parish. His will was proved in York county 19th March, 1749. Susannah Brush, was his second wife, and "a mighty housewife," and ruled the professor with a heavy hand. She took Francis Fontaine, her stepson, from the college which he was attending, and bound him to a carpenter. John Fontaine, another stepson, she treated the same way. These removed to Newberne, N. C., where they made money by their trade. Mr. Fontaine had two children by Susannah Brush: 1, (Rev.) James Maury Fontaine, "a boy of fine part," "goes to college," and knows more than any other boy in the country of his age; 2, Judith Barber Fontaine, "a pretty girl, but so cockered that it will not be the old lady's fault if she doth not spoil her quite." (*Huguenot Family*.) II. "William Barber, Jr." (administrator of Jerome Ham), who departed this life without making any will. (York County Records for January 20, 1718-1719.) His inventory filed in December, 1719. By Anne Archer, Major William Barber had III., Elizabeth, wife in 1726 of Leonard Claiborne, of King William; IV., Anne, who married Lane Jones about 1727; V., James, under age in 1726, when his grandmother, Mrs. Archer, made her will, and executor to his father's will in 1733. He became a justice, captain, etc., and died in 1742, without will. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Mrs. Mary Holdcroft, of New Kent, who deeded land to her grandchildren: Mary Barber, who married Edward Bowcock, Elizabeth Ann Archer, who married Edward Power, and Anna Maria Jones Barber, who married Arthur Dickenson, Jr. (York County Records.)

⁸The statements of Col. Cary in the latter portion of this account need some modification. "The gap" spoken of is bridged several times in the York and Albemarle county books. In 1771, we have a deed in York to Edward Champion Travis for the sale of "Timson's Neck," from Samuel Timson, of the county of York, John Jones and Frances Barber, his wife, Rowland Jones and Mary, his wife, Anne Hudson, widow and relict of John Hudson, and Orlando Jones and Mary, his wife, of the county of Hanover. From this it would appear that William Jones and Martha Johnson, wife of William Johnson, had died *sine prole*. It appears that Samuel Timson, the immigrant, left the manor estate, "Vaulx Hall," to his eldest son, William Timson, who married Anna Maria Jones, sister of Orlando Jones, Sr. Their sons deceased without surviving issue, and John Timson, dying in 1738, gave all his real and personal estate to his mother, Anna Maria, for life, and after her decease to be equally divided among the children of his

cousin, Lane Jones. Samuel Timson, younger brother of William Timson, in 1741 sued Anna Maria, his [brother's] widow, then wife of Edmund Scarbrough, for "Vaulx Hall," claiming under the limitations of his father's will, and recovered it. Later, in 1761, the Joneses, after the death of Anna Maria, sued young Samuel Timson, grandson of Samuel Timson, plaintiff in the first suit, for the same property, and got a favorable decree. The will of John Hudson was proved in Albemarle county January 12, 1769, and was witnessed by Orlando Jones, Judith Jones, Elizabeth Woodson, and Frances Barber Jones. It refers to "my wife's part of the land in York county recovered of Samuel Timson, known by the name of Timson's Neck." It also refers to his wife Anne, son Charles, son Christopher, daughter Mary Gaines, daughter Anna Maria Hudson. Christopher Hudson, his son, was a captain in the state militia; he married Sarah Anderson, and their daughter, Eliza Anderson, married George Gilmer, father of Thomas Walker Gilmer, President Tyler's Secretary of the Navy. Orlando, Lane and William Jones, mentioned by Colonel Cary, were more probably the sons of Orlando Jones, who was in Albemarle in 1769 as a witness to the will of John Hudson.

THORNTON FAMILY.

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58. JOHN⁵ THORNTON (*Francis*,⁴ *Francis*,³ *Francis*,² *William*¹), of "Thornton Hill," Madison county, was born ———, and died in 1822. At the beginning of the Revolution he commanded a company of minute men from Culpeper county; was commissioned captain in third Virginia regiment, Continental Line, February 12, 1776; major of Grayson's additional Continental regiment March 20, 1777; lieutenant-colonel November 15, 1778; retired April 2, 1779; commanded a regiment of Virginia militia at Yorktown. Between 1833 and 1855 the State of Virginia issued to his heirs land-bounty warrants for 7,666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres for his services. The names of his children are given in the warrants. He married Jane, daughter of Augustine Washington, and niece of President Washington.

Issue: 123, Mary,⁶ married Dr. James (or Isaac) Winston; 124, Jane W.,⁶ married Rev. Francis Thornton; 125, Frances Gregory,⁶ married George Thornton; 126, Caroline R.,⁶ married — Thompson; 127, George W.,⁶ married Mildred, daughter of Aris Buckner, of Prince William county, and had an only child, Jane Washington⁶ Thornton, who married James B. Beck, U. S. Senator from Kentucky; 128, Augustine,⁶ said to have died *s. p.*, not named among his father's heirs.

65. WILLIAM⁵ THORNTON (*Francis*,⁴ *Rowland*,³ *Francis*,² *William*¹), of "Crowes," King George county, married, in 1757, Eliza-